

CASE: 1133

DATE AND LOCATION AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS OF REFNO'S 1132, 1133, 1134
AND 1135. (REF 3)

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 16 AUGUST 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1134-0-01 (ACCNO 0017) Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: BLODGETT, DOUGLAS RANDOLPH Date Status assigned: 19 Nov 1978

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|-------------|----------|----------|-------------------|------------|---------|
| Nationality | AMERICAN | Race | CAUCASIAN | Blood Chit | \$ |
| Service | ARMY | Sex | MALE | Blood type | O # |
| Grade | E4 | Hair | BROWN | Complexion | # |
| SSAN | DATA | Eyes | BROWN | Weapon | # |
| Serial No | DATA | Height | 65 in / 1.65 mtrs | Weapon No | # |
| Birth date | DATA | Weight | 123 lb / 55.7 kg | Duty pos | CREWMAN |
| Home State | VIRGINIA | Religion | PROTESTANT | PW Camp | \$ |

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QYD290105
Lat/Long: 162158N / 1070839E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 1
Mission Province: THUA THIEN-HUE
(formerly):
Mission District: A LUOI
Mission Date: 19 Apr 1968 1600L
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Near populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Mar 92
Investigations: Jun 93
Surveys: Jun 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: CRASH SITE
Survivability: (4) Probably in the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

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| Vehicle Type: CH47A | Serial: 13124 |
| Crash Type: Enemy action | Engine Type: T55 |
| Call Sign: @ | 1 Serial: |
| Year: 64 | 2 Serial: |

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

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===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1134 (ACCNO 0062) Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: DENNIS, WILLIAM ROY Date Status assigned: 29 Mar 1977

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| Nationality | AMERICAN | Race | NEGROID | Blood Chit | \$ |
| Service | ARMY | Sex | MALE | Blood type | O # |
| Grade | E4 | Hair | BLACK | Complexion | DARK |
| SSAN | DATA | Eyes | BROWN | Weapon | # |
| Serial No | - DATA | Height | 68 in /1.73 mtrs | Weapon No | # |
| Birth date | DATA | Weight | 137 lb / 62.1 kg | Duty pos | FLT ENGR |
| Home State | PENNSYLVANIA | Religion | PROTESTANT | PW Camp | \$ |

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===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1134 (ACCNO 0097) Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: NAME Date Status assigned: 10 Apr 1978

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|-------------|----------|----------|------------------|------------|-----------|
| Nationality | AMERICAN | Race | CAUCASIAN | Blood Chit | \$ |
| Service | ARMY | Sex | MALE | Blood type | O + |
| Grade | | Hair | BROWN | Complexion | DARK |
| SSAN | DATA | Eyes | BROWN | Weapon | # |
| Serial No | - DATA | Height | 69 in /1.75 mtrs | Weapon No | # |
| Birth date | DATA | Weight | 140 lb / 63.4 kg | Duty pos | CREWCHIEF |
| Home State | | Religion | CATHOLIC | PW Camp | \$ |

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QYD290105
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Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 1
Mission Province: THUA THIEN-HUE
(formerly):
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Mission Date: 19 Apr 1968 1600L
Mission Category: 3
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CASE: 1134

=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

25 August 1975

ON 19 APRIL 1968, SP4 DOUGLAS R. BLODGETT, CREWMAN, ^{NAME} ~~NAME~~, AND SP4 WILLIAM R. DENNIS, FLIGHT ENGINEER, WERE ONBOARD A CH47A (#64-13124) ON AN AMMUNITION RESUPPLY MISSION IN SOUTH VIETNAM. AS THE HELICOPTER WAS MAKING ITS APPROACH TO THE LANDING ZONE, THEY BEGAN RECEIVING A HEAVY VOLUME OF SMALL ARMS FIRE. THERE WAS EXPLOSION, THE PILOT LOST CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAFT, AND CRASHED. AT THAT TIME, THERE WAS ANOTHER EXPLOSION IN THE REAR OF THE AIRCRAFT. (REF 1)

AFTER THE CRASH (VICINITY YD 260 120), THE PILOT AND COPILOT MANAGED TO CRAWL FREE, AND WALK TO THE LANDING ZONE. ACCORDING TO THE PILOT THE REAR OF THE AIRCRAFT WAS ENGULFED IN FLAMES, AND HE WAS UNABLE TO SEE ANY OF THE OTHER CREW MEMBERS. A THIRD EXPLOSION OCCURRED ON THE HELICOPTER AS THE PILOTS DEPARTED THE AREA. DUE TO THE ENEMY SITUATION, NO GROUND SEARCH WAS ATTEMPTED. THE AIRBORNE VISUAL AND ELECTRONIC SEARCH FAILED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE OTHER CREWMEMBERS. (REF 1)

A REFUGEE DISCOVERED THE WRECKAGE OF TWO U.S. HELICOPTERS, ONE WITH THREE SETS OF SKELETAL REMAINS, IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE NEAR YD 2509. THIS POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO REFNO 1134. (REF 2)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WAS TURNED OVER TO FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. ^{NAME} ~~NAME~~ SP4 BLODGETT, AND SP4 DENNIS ARE CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== REFERENCES ===

25 August 1975

REFERENCES: <1> RPT, HQ 1ST CAV DIV, W/STATEMENTS 9 JUN 68. <2> REFCON DATA BASE: M82-014. <3> 220902Z APR 93, CDR JTF-FA/J2/HONOLULU HI. <4> CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH 240354Z JUL 93.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

2 April 1992

CASE NARRATIVE PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE DURING THE 30 MARCH 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

CASE: 1134

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

25 August 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: DOUGLAS R. BLODGETT 1134
^{NAME} ~~NAME~~ AND WILLIAM R. DENNIS 1134

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

7 July 1976

INCIDENT/LAST KNOWN LOCATION CHANGED FROM YD291089 TO YD290105 BASED ON RPT, PB10, 1 CAV DIV, 8 MAY 68.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

13 August 1993

ON 28 JUN 93, IE4 TRAVELLED TO HONG VAN VILLAGE, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1134. IE4 INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES THAT PROVIDED FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON A CRASH SITE THAT POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO CASE 1134 BY TIME FRAME AND LOCATION. ONE OF THE WITNESSES LED THE TEAM TO AN ALLEGED CRASH SITE IN A STREAM BED. THE ONLY WRECKAGE FOUND WAS FOUR ROTOR BLADE ASSEMBLIES APPROXIMATELY 500 METERS DOWNSTREAM. ALL OTHER WRECKAGE HAD BEEN WASHED AWAY. DURING THE SURVEY, WITNESSES STATED THE STREAM FLOODS TO A HEIGHT OF 20 METERS DURING THE RAINY SEASON. NO PERSONAL EFFECTS, EQUIPMENT OR REMAINS WERE LOCATED. (REF 4)

=== ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ===

19 May 1993

FIVE PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE CENTRAL ARMY MUSEUM POSSIBLY CORRELATE TO REFNO'S 1132, 1133, 1134 AND 1135. PHOTOS ARE OF A PIECE OF U/I AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE WITH VIETNAMESE ANNOTATIONS AND MAP (ROLL 218/FRAMES 17-18); AND MUSEUM HISTORICAL REPORT (ROLL 215/FRAMES 8-10). CORRELATION IS BASED ON DATE AND LOCATION AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS OF REFNO'S 1132, 1133, 1134 AND 1135. (REF 3)

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| Nationality | AMERICAN | Race | CAUCASIAN | Blood Chit | \$ |
| Service | ARMY | Sex | MALE | Blood type | O # |
| Grade | E4 | Hair | BROWN | Complexion | # |
| SSAN | DATA | Eyes | BROWN | Weapon | # |
| Serial No | 11932381 | Height | 65 in /1.65 mtrs | Weapon No | # |
| Birth date | 1 May 1947 | Weight | 123 lb / 55.7 kg | Duty pos | CREWMAN |
| Home State | VIRGINIA | Religion | PROTESTANT | PW Camp | \$ |

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Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Near populated area.

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Investigations: Jun 93, Apr 94
Surveys: Jun 93
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| Service | ARMY | Sex | MALE | Blood type | O # |
| Grade | E4 | Hair | BLACK | Complexion | DARK |
| SSAN | DATA | Eyes | BROWN | Weapon | # |
| Serial No | 15961243 | Height | 68 in /1.73 mtrs | Weapon No | # |
| Birth date | 26 Dec 1948 | Weight | 137 lb / 62.1 kg | Duty pos | FLT ENGR |
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=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

2 April 1992

CASE NARRATIVE PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE DURING THE 30 MARCH 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

CASE: 1134

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

25 August 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: DOUGLAS R. BLODGETT 1134-0-01, ~~NAME~~
~~DATA~~, AND WILLIAM R. DENNIS 1134-0-03.

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

7 July 1976

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=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

13 August 1993

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TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1134. IE4 INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES THAT PROVIDED
FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON A CRASH SITE THAT POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO CASE
1134 BY TIME FRAME AND LOCATION. ONE OF THE WITNESSES LED THE TEAM TO AN
ALLEGED CRASH SITE IN A STREAM BED. THE ONLY WRECKAGE FOUND WAS FOUR ROTOR
BLADE ASSEMBLIES APPROXIMATELY 500 METERS DOWNSTREAM. ALL OTHER WRECKAGE
HAD BEEN WASHED AWAY. DURING THE SURVEY, WITNESSES STATED THE STREAM
FLOODS TO A HEIGHT OF 20 METERS DURING THE RAINY SEASON. NO PERSONAL
EFFECTS, EQUIPMENT OR REMAINS WERE LOCATED. (REF 4)

8 June 1994

ON 7 MAY 94, IE2 TRAVELLED TO PHONG MY VILLAGE, PHONG DIEN DISTRICT, THUA
THIEN-HUE PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1134. THE PURPOSE OF THIS
REINVESTIGATION WAS TO INTERVIEW ONE WITNESS WHO WAS IDENTIFIED BY A
REFUGEE AS HAVING PARTICIPATED IN A BURIAL OF REMAINS IN 1977. THIS
WITNESS DENIED INVOLVEMENT IN THE BURIAL OF ANY REMAINS OF MISSING
AMERICANS. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE OBTAINED DURING THIS
INVESTIGATION. (REF 5)

=== ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ===

19 May 1993

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CASE 1134-0-01 AND 03

NARRATIVE

ON 19 APRIL 1968, SPECIALIST FOUR DOUGLAS R. BLODGETT,

~~NAME~~ AND SPECIALIST FOUR WILLIAM R.

DENNIS WERE ABOARD A CH-47A HELICOPTER (SERIAL NUMBER 64-13124)
ON AN AMMUNITION RESUPPLY MISSION IN THE A SHAU VALLEY AREA. THE
HELICOPTER WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE AND CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF
GRID COORDINATES YD290105, APPROXIMATELY 50 KILOMETERS WEST-
SOUTHWEST OF HUE, 14 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF A LUOI AND 2
KILOMETERS EAST OF LANG KA KOU, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE. THE
PILOT AND COPILOT SURVIVED THE CRASH. THE PILOT REPORTED THE
REAR OF THE HELICOPTER WAS ENGULFED IN FLAMES AND HE WAS UNABLE
TO SEE ANY OF THE OTHER CREW MEMBERS. A GROUND SEARCH WAS NOT
CONDUCTED DUE TO THE HOSTILE SITUATION. AN AERIAL SEARCH WAS
CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

A U.S. ARCHIVAL RESEARCH TEAM WORKING AT THE CENTRAL ARMED
FORCES MUSEUM IN HANOI LOCATED AN ARTIFACT POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED
WITH EITHER CASE 1134 OR THREE OTHER INCIDENTS. THE ARTIFACT
CONSISTED OF A PIECE OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE WITH VIETNAMESE
ANNOTATIONS AND A MAP ETCHED INTO THE PAINT. THE MAP IS TITLED,
"BATTLE SKETCH OF 19-4-1968." THE MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORD
INDICATED THE ARTIFACT WAS A PIECE OF HU-1A FROM THE TROOPS OF
COMPANY/BATTERY 12, BATTALION 36, TROOP STATION 42.

PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING
THE 31 MAR 94 TECHNICAL MEETING

ON 28 JUNE 1993, A JOINT TEAM VISITED HONG VAN VILLAGE, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE THIS CASE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES, MR. LE VAN LANH AND MR. HO VAN CHIEN, WHO PROVIDED FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON A HELICOPTER CRASH SITE THAT POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO CASE 1134 BY TIME FRAME AND LOCATION. MR. LANH LED THE TEAM TO THE CRASH SITE (YD29301109) WHICH IS LOCATED IN A STREAM BED. THE TEAM FOUND NO WRECKAGE IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY. THE TEAM LATER FOUND FOUR ROTOR BLADE ASSEMBLIES DOWNSTREAM IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YD29541095. BASED ON THE LOCATION, WITNESS STATEMENTS AND WRECKAGE RECOVERED, THE SITE IS PROBABLY THAT OF CASE 1134.

ON 1 SEPTEMBER 1993, THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT PROVIDED A DOCUMENT TITLED "DOWNED AIRCRAFT - RECORD OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN FROM 1965 TO 1975." THE DOCUMENT WAS COMPILED BY THE PAVN GROUP 559, WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR LOGISTICAL AND COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT FOR THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL. THE DOCUMENT CONTAINED AN ENTRY WHICH INDICATED THAT THE D3 (D36) UNIT SHOT DOWN 10 HELICOPTERS DURING 19-21 APRIL 1968 ALONG KILOMETER 42-45. THIS ENTRY POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO CASE 1134 AND THREE OTHER INCIDENTS BASED ON INCIDENT DATE AND AIRCRAFT TYPE.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: BLODGETT, DOUGLAS RANDOLPH
RANK: SPECIALIST FOUR, U.S. ARMY
DATE OF BIRTH: 1 MAY 1947
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.65 METERS
WEIGHT: 55.7 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BROWN

NAME: NAME

RANK:

DATE OF BIRTH:

RACE:

HEIGHT: DATA

WEIGHT:

HAIR:

EYES:

NAME: DENNIS, WILLIAM ROY

RANK: SPECIALIST FOUR, U.S. ARMY

DATE OF BIRTH: 26 DECEMBER 1948

RACE: BLACK

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HEIGHT: 1.73 METERS
WEIGHT: 62.1 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BLACK
EYES: BROWN



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Vụ số 1134-0-01 và 03

TỜ TƯỜNG THUẬT

Vào ngày 19 tháng 4 năm 1968, Chuyên viên cấp 4 DOUGLASS R.

BLODGETT, ~~NAME~~ và Chuyên viên cấp 4 WILLIAM

R. DENNIS bay vào máy bay trực thăng CH-47A (số hiệu 64-13124) làm nhiệm vụ tiếp tế đạn ở khu vực thung lũng A Chau. Máy bay đã bị bắn rơi xuống trong phạm vi của toạ độ YD290105, khoảng 50 cây số ở phía Tây Tây-Nam của Huế, 14 cây số ở phía Tây Bắc của A Lưới và 2 cây số ở phía Đông của Lang Ka Kou, tỉnh Thừa Thiên-Huế. Phi công và phi công phụ đã sống. Phi công đã báo là phần sau máy bay bị cháy hết và không thấy được những phi hành công khác. Cuộc tìm kiếm bằng đất không được tiến hành vì tình trạng nguy hiểm.

Đội nghiên cứu lưu-trữ làm ở Viên bảo tàng Quân đội ở Hà Nội tìm được một vật chứng có lẽ liên quan với vụ số 1134 và 3 vụ khác. Vật chứng này là một mảnh máy bay với chú giải tiếng Việt và một bản đồ khắc ở trên mảnh máy bay. Cái bản đồ có tên "Bản phác thảo chiến tranh ngày 19 tháng 4 năm 1968." Hồ sơ viện bảo tàng cho biết là mảnh máy bay này là một mảnh của máy bay trực thăng HU-1A từ lực lượng của đại đội/khẩu đội 12, tiểu đoàn 36, trạm lực lượng 42.

Vào ngày 28 tháng 6 năm 1993, một đội hỗn hợp đi xã Hồng Vân, tỉnh Thừa Thiên-Huế để điều tra vụ này. Đội phỏng vấn 2 nhân chứng, ông Lê văn Lanh và ông Hồ văn Chiên có thông tin trực tiếp về một hiện trường máy bay trực thăng có liên quan với vụ số 1134 bởi thời gian và vị trí. Ông Lanh

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chỉ dẫn đội đến một hiện trường(YD29301109) mà có vị trí vào một dòng sông nhỏ. Đội không tìm thấy xác máy bay vào trong khu vực. Sau đó đội đã tìm được bốn cánh quạt ở dưới dòng xuôi trong phạm vi của tọa độ YD29541095. Căn cứ vào vị trí, nhân chứng, và xác máy bay, hiện trường này có lẽ là vụ số 1134.

Vào ngày 1 tháng 9 năm 1993, chính phủ Việt Nam đưa ra một tài liệu có tên "Máy bay bị bắn rơi - hồ sơ máy bay địch bị bắn rơi từ 1965 đến 1975." Tài liệu này được nhóm 559 Bộ đội Quân đội Nhân dân Việt Nam siêu tập, mà có trách nhiệm về tiếp tế và thông tin cho đường mòn Hồ Chí Minh. Tài liệu này có mục cho biết là quân đội D3 (D36) bắn rơi 10 máy bay trực thăng trong thời gian ngày 19-21 tháng 4 năm 1968 ở dọc theo cây số 42-45. Mục này có lẽ liên quan với vụ số 1134 và 3 vụ khác căn cứ vào thời gian và loại máy bay.

Những chi tiết liên quan như sau:

Họ và tên: BLODGETT, DOUGLAS RANDOLPH

Cấp bậc: Chuyên viên cấp 4, Lục quân Mỹ

Ngày sinh: 1 tháng 5 năm 1947

Chủng tộc: Da trắng

Chiều cao: 1 mét 65

Cân nặng: 55 kí 7

Màu tóc: Nâu

Màu mắt: Nâu

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Họ và tên: NAME

Cấp bậc:

Ngày sinh:

Chủng tộc: DATA

Chiều cao:

Cân nặng:

Màu tóc:

Màu mắt:

Họ và tên: DENNIS, WILLIAM ROY

Cấp bậc: Chuyên viên cấp 4, Lục quân Mỹ

Ngày sinh: 26 tháng 12 năm 1948

Chủng tộc: Da đen

Chiều cao: 1 mét 73

Cân nặng: 62 kí 1

Màu tóc: Đen

Màu mắt: Nâu